

## Shrine Schools Unified School Board

### Approved Minutes from December 6, 2016 (7:30pm to 8:50pm)

USB Members Present: C Buchanan, K Moore, B Connelly, A Knapp, M Mio, V Flynn, and Bishop Bob

Also in Attendance: J Mio, M Armstrong, J Bero, and L Rademacher

1. Opening Prayer: Bishop Bob led the USB in an opening prayer.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the November USB meeting were reviewed and approved with some suggested editorial changes. It was noted that positive feedback has been received about publication of the minutes in the Shrine Herald.
3. Development Update: Liz Rademacher updated the USB on auction. The date is February 25; the place is the Shrine Field House. Liz has reached out to area professionals on best practices for such an event. The mobile bidding process is a 'go'. It may be live a week prior to auction, depending on donor schedule; bids from 'off-site' will be possible. Ticket prices will be very attractive to encourage wide-spread attendance. A net goal will be set. Catering will be by Slow's. Liz also reviewed the development report and noted that \$2800 had been raised on Giving Tuesday.
4. High School Administration: Bishop Bob reported that Tom Oppat was no longer a Shrine employee. James Mio has been appointed as principal for the academy and high school. A search for a full-time assistant principal is in progress. With respect to faculty, Kristine Wiest has been filling in for religion classes. B Sugrue and P Ferguson have been on-site as veteran support resources. A letter detailing all of this will go out to parents soon. Bishop Bob will remain at Shrine through June 30, while beginning to take on responsibility for the NE sector of the Archdiocese.
5. Marketing Update: M Mio reported on the marketing of the Early Childhood Center [ECC]. For those who sign up by January 31, there will be a ten percent tuition reduction. Announcement of the ECC director will happen soon. There will be a formal opening of the facility in mid-September, hopefully attended by the Archbishop. A new view book is being prepared by Quill of Detroit.
6. Enrollment Updates:
  - a. J Bero noted that enrollment is continuing to increase as school year progresses. Four candidates were interviewed for ECC director position. Leigh Davidson, a current second grade teacher, has been offered the director position. The Blue Ribbon School application is going to the AOD tomorrow; it is due in completed form on December 16. SGS was the only AOD school with high enough test scores for the application.
  - b. M Armstrong reported enrollment changes at the academy and high school. Total enrollment remains the same as last month, with a couple of additional high school transfers expected in January. The November open house was very successful with ten additional families this year. Good feedback was received on tour tweaks.
7. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update: J Bero announced that the anniversary will be celebrated during Catholic Schools Week in January. On Monday the police and firefighters will receive cookies.

Tuesday will be fleece and flannel day; Wednesday will feature generations of alumni. On Thursday, all will attend Mass at the Cathedral, including spiritual bouquets and adoption of seminarians. On Friday, all students will receive 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirts. March activities will include an alumni baseball tournament; May will feature Mass and an alumni open house at SHS.

8. Closing Prayer: Bishop Bob led the USB in a closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.